# Save Energy, Water and Money with State Revolving Fund Loans

Plan for energy efficiency now to help Hawaii become a leader in sustainability!

# The Challenge:

With rising energy costs and stringent water quality standards, how can facilities reduce cost?

### The Solution:

Use a low-interest SRF loan for an energy efficiency program at your water or wastewater facility.

- 15-30% energy savings
- Qualify for valuable energy rebates
- Save money for ratepayers
- Produce more stable effluent with lower risk of violations
- Extend equipment life
- Reduce capital expenses
- Reduce odor liability
- Reduce solids accumulation
- Decrease air pollutant emissions

#### Kihei & Lahaina Wastewater Facilities

# Energy Efficiency Measures:

Water conservation and re-use



Savings: ~400 million gallons per year of potable water. Maui County uses 22% of its treated wastewater for landscaping, agriculture, cooling and construction uses.

# Wailuku-Kahului Wastewater Reclamation Facility Expansion



# Energy Efficiency & Savings:

This SRF-funded project received a \$100,000 rebate from Maui Electric for installing energy efficient blowers.

# Energy efficiency measures eligible for inclusion in an SRF project:

- Energy audits and feasibility studies
- Energy-efficient pumps
- Variable-frequency drives
- Leak detection equipment
- Capital costs of onsite cogeneration and clean energy or offsite clean energy facilities powering *publicly-owned* treatment works
- Water conservation and re-use projects and programs
- Environmental management system

### **Features of SRF Loans**

- Below-market interest rate
- Loans up to 100% of project costs
- Repayment period up to 20 years

# Eligible Water & Wastewater Projects:

- Projects to ensure safe drinking water
- Projects to expand & improve water pollution control infrastructure
- Nonpoint source projects
- Energy efficient projects

# Solar Panel Installation at Lake Hennessy Wastewater Facility in Napa, CA



# Energy Efficiency Measures:

- Reduce demand from utility grid
- Lower operating costs
- Improve air quality

Savings: Average savings exceeding \$100,000 annually with an estimated total savings of \$3.2 million (gross) over the next 25 years.

#### **How Do I Get Started?**

Track, assess and benchmark your facility's energy use: <a href="www.energystar.gov">www.energystar.gov</a>

Check out electric company rebates for energy-efficient projects:

Energy\$olutions for Business (HECO, MECO and HELCO): <a href="https://www.heco.com">www.heco.com</a>, <a href="https://www.mauielectric.com">www.mauielectric.com</a>

Energy Wise Commercial Energy Efficiency Program (KIUC): <a href="https://www.kiuc.coop">www.kiuc.coop</a>

#### For more information:

Contact Hawaii's State Revolving Fund Programs to apply for an SRF loan:

**Safe Drinking Water:** (808) 586-4258

Wastewater: (808) 586-4294

The wastewater treatment plant in the Dublin-San Ramon Services District in California (capacity: 17 MGD), implemeted these energy efficiency measures:

- Increased blower capacity
- Premium efficiency motors
- Relocation of recycled water process reduced effluent pumping distance by 16 miles

#### Resulting in these savings:

- Saves 1,253,375 kWh/year
- Saves \$290,000/year in energy costs
- Received \$67,000 in rebates

# Did you know?

Hawaii County installed dedicated leak detection systems to target pipe replacements and hired an Energy Management Analyst in the Department of Water Supply.

# Learn more about reducing energy use:

Energy Star Program: <a href="https://www.energystar.gov">www.energystar.gov</a>

EPA Sustainable Infrastructure Program: www.epa.gov/waterinfrastructure/

Department of Energy Best Practices Program: <a href="https://www1.eere.energy.gov">www1.eere.energy.gov</a>

Ensuring a Sustainable Future: An Energy Management Guidebook for Wastewater & Water Utilities: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/waterinfrastructure/pdfs/guidebook\_si\_energymanagement.pdf">www.epa.gov/waterinfrastructure/pdfs/guidebook\_si\_energymanagement.pdf</a>

Check Up Program for Small Systems (CUPSS): <a href="https://www.epa.gov/cupss/">www.epa.gov/cupss/</a>

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www.boma.org/trainingandeducation/BEEP/
curriculum.htm

Hawaii Water Environment Association: www.hwea.org

Water Effective Utility Management: www.watereum.org

# Energy and Water Efficiency in Water & Wastewater Facilities

Using the Hawaii State Revolving Fund (SRF)



# **Hawaii SRF Programs**

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